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In re Application of	:	
Keeney et al.	:	
Application No. 10/678468	:	DECISION
Filing or 371(c) Date: 10/03/2003	:	ON PETITION
Attorney Docket Number NLF-0323	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 8, 2008, to revive the above-identified application. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of June 18, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2). No extensions of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is September 19, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1797 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted with the petition in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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